

Husbands

Literal translation of v. 7 could be “Husbands, live together with them *according to knowledge*.”

A final application to Husbands: Men must recognize his wife’s weakness as their own, a weakness on their own team and that it is good that it is there. The husband and wife are a team, and the wife brings a nurturing care and a supportive, relational skill-set that is indispensable to the family and the church.

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Core Seminars—Marriage Class 5: Hope, Fear, Knowledge & Weakness—1 Peter 3:1-7



Introduction

1 Peter 3:1-7 falls within a larger section where Peter is addressing three types of people who are to follow the leadership of another: citizens following the government (2:13-17); slaves following masters (2:18-25); wives following husbands (3:1-7). Part of the point of Peter discussing these roles is to encourage *voluntary* submission in all three roles.

Wives

1. Evangelism *through* Submission (vv. 1-2)

A word of application for wives here today: Let your life be a witness “without words” (3:1).

To single women: If the goal of courtship is to find a spouse, then it does not make logical sense for a believer to date a non-Christian.

2. Real Beauty (vv. 3-4)

To women: What Peter wants you to cultivate first and foremost is an inner godliness. 1 Sam 16:7, “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

A word of application to husbands: Do you lead your wives to cultivate godly character or does physical beauty matter to you much more?

To single men: How much time do you spend looking for an attractive wife or a godly wife or both?

To single women: What you win a man to will affect the shape of your relationship over the long-term.

3. Hope vs. Fear (vv. 5-6)

Application for wives: Do you ever struggle with what I would call momentary atheism? I wonder if we can say that *hope in God* also makes a wife beautiful?

To husbands: Think about what ways you might be leading that is actually cultivating fears in your wife.

To single men and women: It is a good reminder to you that you are not to put your ultimate hope in the prospect of a spouse, but in God.